

# Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

November 4, 2014 – 6:00PM – City Hall Conference Room B

**Present:** Scott Sanders Janna Bailey, Gary Carlson, Dave Coady, Vickie Krueger,

**Absent:** Ald. Thomas McNamara, Becky Lichty

**Staff:** Andrew Pieri

**Other:** Interested Parties

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**Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Scott Sanders, Chairman**

## **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Ald. Thomas McNamara and Becky Lichty were absent from the meeting.

## **Public Hearing**

None at this meeting

## **Approval of Minutes**

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **APPROVE** the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Janna Bailey and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**

A **MOTION** was made by Gary Carlson to **APPROVE** the minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Janna Bailey and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**

## **Unfinished Business**

*None*

## **New Business**

### ***Certificate of Appropriateness - 928 D Street***

Ms. Susan Retzer presented her plans to construct a white picket vinyl fence. Her plan is to close the rear of the yard to allow her to let her dog out without needing a leash. Ms. Retzer stated that the other (3) sides of the rear lot were already fenced. Chairman Sanders inquired as to the slope of the land and making sure that the post and pickets remained vertical. Mr. Carlson felt that a white vinyl fences will a scalloped to would be appropriate. Mr. Sanders asked if there would be a gate and the applicant stated that there would be a small gate.

A **MOTION** was made by Vickie Krueger to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**

***Certificate of Appropriateness*** - 1624 Ethel Ave.

Staff presented a COA application for 1624 Ethel Ave. on behalf of the applicant Aurea Crespo. The COA is for the demolition of an existing garage and re-building a new detached garage. Staff informed the Commission that the existing garage was under a code enforcement violation notice from the City of Rockford. Commission members viewed the photos of the existing garage. Chairman Sanders stated that he would like to see the existing garage be re-built instead of being torn down. He commented about the architectural style of the existing garage door and said he would like to see that the existing garage door be re-used. Mr. Carlson asked that the proposed vinyl siding for the detached garage match the existing house. Mr. Carlson also requested that the applicant re-use the existing doors and windows. He also stated that if the garage door has to be replaced that a door be of the same color and style.

Chairman Sanders suggested putting conditions on a COA approval to include:

1. Repairing the existing garage to its original condition and if that is not practical than permit a new detached garage to be built.
2. Re-use the existing garage door or replacing with another door of like color and style
3. Re-use the existing man-door and windows
4. Permit vinyl siding with a profile that matches the existing house.

Dave Coady made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness as conditioned. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Krueger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

***Certificate of Appropriateness*** - 803 Church Street

David Hagney of Hagney Architects made a presentation to the Committee to construct a handicap accessible ramp on a commercial structure located at 803 Church Street. Mr. Hagney was representing Rockford Homestart who owns the building. Mr. Hagney stated in addition to the new ramp that would be attached to the existing exterior porch, he is also proposing to repair some of the wood decking that has settled over the years. He remarked that this was necessary to correct an elevation change that was effecting the threshold of the door that leads to the inside of the structure. Mr. Hagney also informed the Commission that he located (2) exterior doors in the basement of the building that he would use to replace the existing front door to make the entry comply with the Illinois Accessibility Code.

Gary Carlson made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Janna Bailey and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

**Communication and staff report**

Commission members had a brief discussion about trying to restoring old electric wall signs. Item to be carried over until next meeting as Alderman McNamara was not in attendance.

There no additional information regarding the electric wall sign at that location. Chairman Sanders asked Staff to see if there was a sign permit issued for that location.

Staff reported that there was nothing new to report on the COA request for a property located at 118 North Main Street.

### **New Business**

Staff introduced Patricia Diduch, AICP, who is the Planning & Development Administrator for the Village of Rockton, Illinois. Ms. Diduch discussed plans for the Village of Rockton to form its own Historic Preservation Commission.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business Vickie Krueger made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Janna Bailey and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Submitted by Andrew Pieri – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary